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SPOT REPORT NO. 01 TO IPAC DIS 123-75

1. POSSIBLE CAPTURE OF KOREAN MERCHANT SHIP

PRELIMINARY REPORTING FROM USS GRIDLY INDICATES MERCHANT SHIP

TEXACO SAIGON RELAYED MSG THAT KOREAN TANKER MASAN WAS BEING

CAPTURED BY UNIDENTIFIED COMMUNIST SHIP AT 040445Z MAY VIC

09-55N 102-50E (APPROX 200 NM SSE OF SATTAPHI, THAILAND).

ANALYSIS CONTINUES.

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SPOT REPORT NO. 01 TO IPAC DIS 124-75

A. COMIPAC 041029Z MAY 75 (SPOT REPORT NO. 01 TO DIS 123-75)

1. REF A, REPORTED THE POSSIBLE CAPTURE OF KOREAN TANKER MASAN-HO IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ABOUT 200NM SE OF SATTAHIP, THAILAND.

2. A MESSAGE FROM THE SHIP TO ITS HOME OFFICE IN SEOUL, REPORTED BY US NEWS SERVICES, STATED THE MASAN-HO WAS SAFE AFTER A FOUR HOUR ESCAPE RUN. REPORTEDLY A CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST SHIP SIGNALLED THE KOREAN TO HEAVE TO AND OPENED FIRE WHEN THE KOREAN FAILED TO STOP. MASAN-HO TOOK SLIGHT DAMAGE, A SHELL IN A CARGO HOLD, CAUSING SOME FLOODING. NO CASUALTIES WERE MENTIONED.

3. SUBJECT TO FINAL ANALYSIS. NO FURTHER REPORTING ON THIS INCIDENT IS ANTICIPATED.

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